

WHOLESALE POISONING OF CHILDREN IS UNDERTAKEN

Plot Is Discovered and Arrests Made In Missouri Case Where Innocent Children Were to Be the Victims

FULTON, Mo., Aug. 8.—What county authorities believe to be a plot for the wholesale poisoning of children has been unearthed at Concord, in Calloway county, and as a result two men and a woman were arrested there yesterday by order of the prosecuting attorney and brought to Fulton to be arraigned. The persons arrested are L. O. Boyd, a farmer, his wife, Mrs. Anna Boyd, and Jefferson Woods, horse dealer.

The children whose lives were endangered belong to families whose members testified in a slander suit brought recently against Dr. T. W. Ellis, a prominent physician of Concord. Mrs. Boyd asked for \$15,000, alleging that Dr. Ellis had defamed her character. The jury brought in a verdict for the defendant. Jefferson Woods was named in the suit.

The first alleged attempt on the lives of the children was made several weeks ago, when a package of chewing gum was found in the yard of Edward McPheeters, a nephew of Judge Robert McPheeters, of Fulton. Less than a week ago another package of gum was placed near the gate of the McPheeters

home. A 3-year-old child of the family was in the act of placing a piece of the gum in its mouth and when an older member of the family interfered. The gum was sent to a chemist who discovered that it was profusely covered with strychnine. Twice since then packages of gum have been placed near the McPheeters' home and each of them was found to contain strychnine.

After the second package of gum was found the McPheeters' home was watched. The placing of gum on the premises of people in the vicinity of Concord has become frequent the last few days and at least three more families appear to have been included in the poisoning plot. All the gum which has been found has been preserved and will be examined by a chemist.

All the families on whose premises the poisoned gum has been placed have small children.

Last night bond was fixed at \$1000 for Mrs. Boyd and at \$2000 each for Boyd and Woods. All furnished bail.

No preliminary hearing will be held and the case will be docketed for the September term of court.

BIG NAVAL REVIEW FOR TONIGHT

NAVIES OF THE WORLD OFF SPITHEAD WILL BE SHOWN AT THE BUTLER.

Today an entire change of program will be made at the Butler theater, showing three new reels of pictures and Stewart and Mercer, the comedy acrobats who have made such a hit in Tonopah, will also change their act. Our pictures for today are as follows: "A Stranger in Camp," a Lubin Western drama; "Two Fugitives," an Essanay story of two men who went to the bad; "Her Boy," a Pathe American drama of a boy who stole and sold flowers to buy medicine for his old mother, and a scenic picture, "The Naval Review at Spithead, England," during coronation week.

NEGRO HUSBAND AMONG MISSING

BODY OF DECAPITATED WOMAN FOUND; SEARCH IS BEING MADE FOR MAN.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 8.—The body of the headless woman found in a sewer last Friday, was identified yesterday as Bertha Courtney, a woman of the underworld. The authorities are looking for her negro husband.

The woman came to this city two years ago and boarded here until three weeks ago. Other women in the rooming house told the police that the dead woman related stories to them of her husband. They also stated that after the woman left to live with the negro in Norwood, Ohio, she returned one night crying bitterly and told them she had been mistreated.

The following night the woman alleged the husband came to the house with a patrolman and insisted that he be allowed to see his wife. After a conversation in whispers the woman left with the negro and was not again seen alive.

All kinds of ruling and binding at the Bonanza.

FAST TRAIN MEETS WITH AN ACCIDENT INJURING CREW

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—One hundred and twenty-five passengers on the Pennsylvania 18-hour train which left here at 2:45 o'clock for New York, were frightened but uninjured when the engine, tender and baggage car jumped the track, while going at full speed between Indiana Harbor and Huntington, Ind.

The engine and tender broke from the train when the engineer applied the emergency brakes, and leaving the rails, plunged down an embankment.

The train stopped with a jerk that threw the passengers from their seats, but remained upright on the tracks. The baggage car, immediately behind the tender, left the tracks but did not overturn.

The fireman jumped when the engine left the rails and was severely injured. The engineer stuck to his engine and went into the ditch with it, in some manner escaping serious injury.

The accident occurred shortly before 3:30 o'clock when the train had gathered full speed in going down the incline from the elevated tracks in Indiana Harbor.

The total delay to the fast train because of the accident was two hours. A careful investigation failed to reveal any cause of the tender leaving the track.

NEW FIRE HOUSE MAY BE ERECTED

Site Near Florence Avenue and Main Street Is Talked of—Danger of Walls of the Old Department Caving In.

A new fire house is now agitating the county dads and it may even be recommended by the grand jury. The condition of the present fire house has been called to the attention of both the county commissioners and members of the grand jury. The present fire house is in very bad condition and there is danger of the walls caving in, and it is estimated that the necessary repairs would be about as expensive as to build a new house.

If the new fire house proposition

METHOD FOUND TO END STRIKES

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 8.—Promptly at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon street car traffic was resumed in Des Moines, and the 48-hour strike which began at 1 o'clock Saturday morning was terminated.

For the first time in the history of the country the order of a court has put an end to what gave every indication of becoming a bitter labor struggle.

The mandate issued by Judge Lawrence De Graff, of the district court, last night, was promptly obeyed by the Des Moines City Railway company and the Carmen's International union, and while there is ample prospect of a fight late in the courts, an injunction has restored, temporarily at least, nearly five hundred conductors and motormen to their original positions. By 6 o'clock traffic had almost resumed its normal condition.

That a new method of handling labor difficulties has been discovered was the statement of N. T. Guernsey, attorney for the street car company, following the acquisition of the company upon Judge De Graff's order. He said his clients were not satisfied that the court was within its jurisdiction in issuing the mandatory order, but for the present they were willing to abide by it, leaving to a later date the trial of the case on its merits.

The suit in equity which terminated the strike, was brought by the city of Des Moines, upon the order of the city council late last night. A hearing to determine whether the injunction shall be made per-

MINISTER AS A POLICEMAN ARRESTS YOUNG MURDERER

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6.—Albert G. Butler of Maplewood, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis, yesterday returned after an absence of a year, and in a quarrel with his sweetheart's eldest brother, Eugene Walsh, shot and killed the latter. As Butler was walking away he was taken in charge by the Rev. James Broadhead, a Methodist minister, who took him to the nearest police station.

Butler said he expected trouble and that when he went to church he carried a revolver. When he met Walsh in the afternoon he says they had words and that Walsh started for him. Butler says he shot in self-defense.

PAT DONOVAN ARRAIGNED AND HELD FOR TRIAL

Pat Donovan was arraigned this morning. The defendant entered a demurrer to the indictment which was overruled and he was held for trial on August 21 for burglary.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION.

The commissioners have been in session for two days, most of the time being taken up with auditing bills. It is expected that the report of the expert on the county books will be passed on this afternoon.

TARIFF REVISION BILLS TO BECOME CENTERS OF INTEREST

Free List Bill and the Wool Tariff Measure In the Hands of LaFollette and Underwood Now

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The vortex of legislation this week centers on the tariff revision bills that are expected to emerge from conference and committee.

The free list bill and the wool tariff bill are in the hands of Senator La Follette and Representative Underwood, the former representing the republican progressives in the senate and the latter the democratic party in control of the house.

Both the senate and house leaders express confidence that an agreement will be reached on both the wool and the free list bills this week.

There is considerable opposition to the cotton tariff revision bill largely from Carolina cotton manufacturers. It was in order to give the Carolina interests an opportunity

to be heard that Senator Simmons of North Carolina induced the senate finance committee to postpone final action on the bill, until after two hours hearings are held.

The free list bill places on the free list agricultural implements, cotton bagging, leather, boots, shoes, flour, lumber, salt, etc. The cotton bill makes an average cut of 21 per cent ad valorem.

The senate defeated the original house free list bill; reconsidered the vote, then considered a compromise, the most essential difference of which was an additional free admission of meat products, flour and cereal products from any foreign country which admits from the United States free of duty, cotton, corn, wheat and oats.

ANOTHER BRITISH SHIP ON CAPE SABLE ROCK

HALIFAX, Aug. 8.—Late reports state that the British cruiser Cornwallis was stranded on the ledges of Cape Sable, a few miles from where the Canadian flagship Niobe went on the rocks on July 30. The message stated the Cornwallis was not taking water and apparently had sustained no serious damage.

TO PICK CANDIDATE.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 8.—In all probability the democrats of Arkansas will determine the state's choice for the presidential nomination at a primary election. This plan, originating with the Woodrow Wilson club, has been endorsed by the supporters of other candidates and by members of the state executive committee.

PORT AU PRINCE IS OCCUPIED BY THE REBELS

MINISTER THREATENS TO LAND MARINES IF DISORDERS ARE OCCASIONED.

PORT AU PRINCE, Aug. 8.—The first division of the revolutionary army entered the capital yesterday and immediately proclaimed General Lescotte chief executive. General Lescotte's election to the presidency appears assured. The city remains calm.

H. W. Furniss, the American minister, went outside the city this morning and warned the victorious army that if public order were disturbed he would cause American marines to be landed to keep the peace.

General Lescotte is expected at any moment and General Firmin will come in tomorrow from Porto Rico on board the French steamer Caravelle.

SOLDIER NOW CHARGED WITH BEING A SPY

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 8.—On an affidavit furnished by Miss Clara A. Dyer, formerly of Philpot, Ky., Captain James Watson, in charge of the local army recruiting office, has asked the war department to arrest Private George Peters, said to be of the 135th coast artillery, stationed at Fort Totten, N. Y., charging him with being a spy in the employ of the Austrian government.

The alleged exposure of Peters, who, according to the informants is Count Windisch-Graetz, of Prague, Bohemia, was made by Miss Dyer, while trying to obtain his release from the artillery corps through the local recruiting station. Miss Dyer has turned over to the authorities letters from Peters which Captain Watson says are in accordance with her statements.

Several days ago, Miss Dyer appeared at the recruiting station and inquired about obtaining the release of Peters from the service. At the

\$150 ALLOWED FOR GEORGES CANYON ROAD

STIMLER ADDS CONCENTRATOR TO MILL — KENNISTON STRIKE IMPROVING.

H. J. Wildgrube, who has been in from Georges canyon for a few days, will leave shortly for that camp with a commission to do \$150 worth of work on the road leading to the canyon. This road has been reported to be in need of repairs for some time.

Mr. Wildgrube states that Harry Stimler has added a concentrating table to his little mill in that district. The Kenniston strike has widened out considerably and this property promises to be one of the most important in the district.

McKIM STORE CLOSING OUT ALL ODDS AND ENDS

The big McKim store is now closing out all odds and ends which have been left over from the big sale recently conducted. Everything has been marked to a ridiculously low price. Such staples as the Florsheim shoes are selling as low as \$2.50.

time, according to Captain Watson, she said he was her brother, and by her manner attracted suspicion to herself.

At first she refused to answer any questions in regard to Peters, but under a rapid-fire of questions broke down and said that Peters is an Austrian spy. She made an affidavit to her story.

In the correspondence turned over to the police are a number of letters written to the girl in Kentucky by Peters in which he outlined his plans for obtaining the information desired by his government.

In another, which is said to have been written to Miss Dyer since she came to Indianapolis about three months ago, in answer to her pleading to him to give up his dangerous work, Peters said that he was in no peril, as he had a number of allies who would come to his assistance if he needed them.

Captain Watson today said that he had sent a number of messages east regarding the case, but that he had received no answer.

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